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The following being the laſt Act of Parliament relating to the horrid Crime of Murder, is here inſerted for the Information of the Publick.

An Act for better preventing the horrid Crime of MURDER.

WHEREAS the horrid Crime of Murder has of late been more frequently perpetrated than formerly, and particularly in and near the Metropolis of this Kingdom, contrary to the known Humanity and natural Genius of the Britiſh Nation: And whereas it is thereby become neceſſary, that ſome further Terror and peculiar Mark of Infamy be added to the Puniſhment of Death, now by Law inflicted on ſuch as ſhall be guilty of the ſaid heinous Offence; May it pleaſe your moſt Excellent Majeſty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the Firſt Day of Eaſter Term, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty two, all Perſons who ſhall be found guilty of wilful Murder, be executed according to Law, on the Day next but one after Sentence paſſed, unleſs the ſame ſhall happen to be the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, and in that Caſe on the Monday following.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Body of ſuch Murderer ſo convicted, ſhall, if ſuch Conviction and Execution ſhall be in the County of Middleſex, or within the City of London, or the Liberties thereof, be immediately conveyed by the Sheriff or Sheriffs, his or their Deputy or Deputies, and his or their Officers, to the Hall of the Surgeons Company, or ſuch other Place as the ſaid Company ſhall appoint for this Purpoſe, and be delivered to ſuch Perſon as the ſaid Company ſhall depute or appoint, who ſhall give to the Sheriff or Sheriffs, his or their Deputy or Deputies, a Receipt for the ſame; and the Body ſo delivered to the ſaid Company of Surgeons, ſhall be diſſected and anatomized by the ſaid Surgeons, or ſuch Perſon as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe: And in caſe ſuch Conviction and Execution ſhall happen to be in any other County, or other Place in Great Britain, then the Judge or Juſtice of Aſſize, or other proper Judge, ſhall award the Sentence to be put in Execution the next Day but one after ſuch Conviction (except as is before excepted) and the Body of ſuch Murderer ſhall in like Manner be delivered by the Sheriff, or his Deputy, and his Officers, to ſuch Surgeon as ſuch Judge or Juſtice ſhall direct for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That Sentence ſhall be pronounced in open Court immediately after the Conviction of ſuch Murderer, and before the Court ſhall proceed to any other Buſineſs, unleſs the Court ſhall ſee reaſonable Cauſe for poſtponing the ſame; in which Sentence ſhall be expreſſed not only the uſual Judgment of Death, but alſo the Time appointed hereby for the Execution thereof, and the Marks of Infamy hereby directed for ſuch Offenders, in order to impreſs a juſt Horror in the Mind of the Offender, and on the Minds of ſuch as ſhall be preſent, of the heinous Crime of Murder.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That after ſuch Sentence pronounced as aforeſaid, in caſe there ſhall appear reaſonable Cauſe, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Judge or Juſtice, before whom ſuch Criminal ſhall have been ſo tried, to ſtay the Execution of the Sentence, at the Diſcretion of ſuch Judge or Juſtice, Regard being always had to the true Intent and Purpoſe of this Act.

Provided alſo, That it ſhall be in the Power of any ſuch Judge or Juſtice to appoint the Body of any ſuch Criminal to be hung in Chains: But that in no Caſe whatſoever the Body of any Murderer ſhall be ſuffered to be buried; unleſs after ſuch Body ſhall have been diſſected and anatomized as aforeſaid; and every ſuch Judge or Juſtice ſhall, and is hereby required to direct the ſame either to be diſpoſed of as aforeſaid, to be anatomized, or to be hung in Chains, in the ſame Manner as is now practiſed for the moſt atrocious Offences.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after ſuch Conviction, and Judgment given thereupon, the Goaler or Keeper, to whom ſuch Criminal ſhall be delivered for ſafe Cuſtody, ſhall confine ſuch Priſoner to ſome Cell, or other proper and ſafe Place within the Priſon, ſeparate and apart from the other Priſoners; and that no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, except the Goaler or Keeper, or his Servants, ſhall have Acceſs to any ſuch Priſoner, without Licence being firſt obtained for that Purpoſe, under the Hand of ſuch Judge or Juſtice, before whom ſuch Offender ſhall have been tried, or under the Hand of the Sheriff, his Deputy, or Under Sheriff.

Provided always, That in caſe any ſuch Judge or Juſtice ſhall ſee Cauſe to reſpite the Execution of ſuch Offender, ſo condemned as aforeſaid, ſuch Judge or Juſtice may relax or releaſe any or all of the Reſtraints or Regulations herein before or herein after directed to be obſerved by the Goaler or Keeper of the Priſon, where ſuch Priſoner ſhall be confined, by any Licence in Writing, ſigned by ſuch Judge or Juſtice for that Purpoſe, for and during the Time of ſuch Stay of Execution; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That after Sentence paſſed as aforeſaid, and until the Execution thereof, ſuch Offender ſhall be fed with Bread and Water only, and with no other Food or Liquor whatſoever (except in caſe of receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's

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Lord's Supper, and except in caſe of any violent Sickneſs or Wound, in which Caſe ſome known Phyſician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, may be admitted by the Goaler or Keeper of the ſaid Priſon to adminiſter Neceſſaries; the Chriſtian and Surname of ſuch Phyſician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, and his Place of Abode, being firſt entered in the Books of ſuch Priſon or Goal, there to remain) and in caſe ſuch Goaler or Priſon Keeper ſhall offend againſt, or neglect to put in Execution, any of the Directions or Regulations hereby enacted to be obſerved, ſuch Goaler or Priſon Keeper ſhall, for ſuch Offence, forfeit his Office, and ſhall be fined in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and ſuffer Impriſonment until the ſame be paid.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall by Force ſet at Liberty, or reſcue, or attempt to reſcue or ſet at Liberty, any Perſon out of Priſon, who ſhall be committed for, or found guilty of Murder, or reſcue, or attempt to reſcue, any Perſon convicted of Murder going to Execution, or during Execution, every Perſon ſo offending, ſhall be deemed, taken, and adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death without Benefit of Clergy.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall, after ſuch Execution had, by Force reſcue, or attempt to reſcue, the Body of ſuch Offender out of the Cuſtody of the Sheriff, or his Officers, during the Conveyance of ſuch Body to any of the Places hereby directed, or ſhall, by Force, reſcue, or attempt to reſcue, ſuch Body from the Company of Surgeons, or their Officers or Servants, or from the Houſe of any Surgeon, where the ſame ſhall have been depoſited in purſuance of this Act; every Perſon ſo offending, ſhall be deemed and adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and ſhall be liable to be tranſported to ſome of his Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations in America, for the Term of Seven Years, in like Manner as is directed by the Laws now in Force relating to the Tranſportation of Felons; and ſhall be ſubject to the like Puniſhment, and Methods of Conviction, in caſe of returning into, or being found at large within Great Britain, within the ſaid Term of Seven Years, in all Reſpects, as by Law other Felons are ſubject to, in caſe of unlawfully returning from Tranſportation.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend to repeal or alter ſo much of an Act made in the Eleventh Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, (intituled, *An Act for the more effectual diſarming the Highlands in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland; and for the better ſecuring the Peace and Quiet of that Part of the Kingdom, as relates to the Suſpenſion of the Execution of Perſons convicted of capital Offences, within that Part of Great Britain called Scotland*) for the reſpective Times in the ſaid Act mentioned; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Whitehall, April 25.

By Letters received this Morning, dated the 17th Inſtant, there is an Account, that his Majeſty arrived at Hanover on Friday the 10th Inſtant, about Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, in perfect Health; and that his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle was expected to arrive there on Sunday laſt.

Warſaw, April 14. Preparations are now actually making at Grodno, in the Grand Dutchy of Lithuania, for the King's Reception, who intends going thither in the Month of October next, in order to aſſiſt at the general Diet of the Kingdom, which 'tis hoped will prove more ſucceſsful than the laſt. According to Advices from the Frontier Provinces bordering upon Ruſſia, the Officers belonging to the Ruſſian Troops ſtationed on thoſe Frontiers have cauſed ſuch a Number of ſmall Forts to be erected along the Dnieper, as have entirely prevented any late Incurſions of the Heyducks, who for a long Time before were almoſt continually plundering the Inhabitants, and diſturbing the Tranquility of thoſe Provinces. We are informed by Letters received here the laſt Poſt from Brezlowie, that on the 7th Inſtant a Fire broke out in that Town, which burnt with ſuch Violence, that the whole Town was almoſt reduced to Aſhes, notwithſtanding the Inhabitants of the neighbouring Villages gave them all the Aſſiſtance in their Power; by which fatal Accident the poor People were in the utmoſt Diſtreſs, not having been able to ſave but a ſmall Part of their Effects.

Vienna, April 15. The Departure of the Court for Schonbrun is fixed for Monday next, for which Purpoſe the Emperor, who has been for ſome Days taking the Diverſion of Hunting at the Seat of Count Palfy, is expected here this Evening. Her Imperial Majeſty has diſpatched an Expreſs to Count Pallavicini, Governor of the Dutchy of Milan, to cauſe all the fortified Places in Lombardy to be repaired this Summer, and to ſee that the Magazines and Arſenals in that Country be completely filled. We are informed by Letters received here from our Conſul at Algiers, that, agreeable to his Inſtructions, he has releaſed all the German Slaves, amounting to Twenty, and provided them with Neceſſaries for their Paſſage Home.

Copenhagen, April 18. The King ſet out on Wedneſday laſt for Friedensbourg, where his Majeſty propoſes to paſs the greateſt Part of the Summer. The Diſputes which have ſubſiſted for a long Time between this Court and that of Sweden, on Account of certain Diſtricts in Norway, are at length adjuſted to the mutual Satisfaction of the two Courts; and 'tis ſaid the Treaty concluded on this Occaſion will ſoon be publiſhed.

Copenhagen, April 25. The Queen Dowager ſets out next Week for Hirſcholm. His Daniſh Majeſty has been pleaſed, by a new Regulation dated the 14th Inſtant, to ſhorten the uſual Time of private Mournings, to ſix Months. M. de Marteville, Envoy from the States General to the Court of Sweden, is juſt arrived here on his Way to Stockholm.

Berlin, April 21. The King has appointed the Sieur Kroll to be Director of the new Mint, and he has accordingly taken Poſſeſſion of that Employment. The Marriage of Prince Henry, the King's Second Brother, with the Princeſs Guillelmine, Daughter of the Prince of Heſſe Caſſel, will certainly be celebrated in a ſhort Time. Prince Louis of Wirtembourg ſet out from hence Yeſterday for Treptow in Pomerania, in order to take Leave of his Brother Prince Eugene, being on his Return to France.

Munſter, April 23. A few Days ago ſeveral Perſons were ſeized at Dettmold, in the County of Lippe, and brought Priſoners to this City. They have lately committed a great Number of

of Robberies and Murders in this Neighbourhood; and by their Examination it appears, that they belonged to a Gang that was firſt formed in Sileſia, who afterwards ſpread themſelves over great Part of the Empire.

Dreſden, April 23. Count Keyſerling, whom the Czarina has appointed her Miniſter to the Court of Vienna, had, on Friday Morning laſt, his Audience of Leave of the King of Poland; and M. Groſs, who is appointed his Succeſſor here, preſented his Credential Letters. The King and Queen of Poland ſet out Yeſterday Evening for Leipſick Fair.

Duſſeldorp, April 24. Prince Frederick of Deux-Ponts is ſhortly expected here to review the Palatin Troops. A few Days ago the Elector our Sovereign cauſed an Ordonnance to be publiſhed, by which the Pardon of ſix Months that was granted to all Deſerters from our Troops, is prolonged to the firſt Day of November next.

Stamp-Office, Lincoln's Inn,
April 21, 1752.

The Commiſſioners for managing the Duties ariſing from this Revenue, in Purſuance of an Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intitled, An Act to allow the Importation of Gum Senega into this Kingdom, from any Part of *Europe*, upon the Payment of a Duty; and for Relief of *James Guthrie*, with Reſpect to the Duties paid and ſecured upon a Quantity of Tobacco, burnt at the Port of *Kircudbright*; and for giving further Time for Payment of Duties omitted to be paid for the Indentures or Contracts of Clerks and Apprentices, *do give this timely Notice, that by the ſaid Act it is enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons who through Neglect or Inadvertency have omitted to pay the Rates and Duties upon Monies given, paid, contracted, or agreed for, with or in Relation to any Clerk, Apprentice, or Servant, and to have the Articles and Agreement ſtamped within the Times limited by former Acts of Parliament, or who have omitted to inſert and write in Words at length in ſuch Indentures or Writings the full Sum received, or in any wiſe, directly or indirectly, given, paid, agreed, or contracted for, with ſuch Clerk, Apprentice, or Servant; that upon Payment of the Rates and Duties upon Monies ſo neglected or omitted to be paid as aforeſaid, on or before the 1ſt Day of Auguſt, 1752, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ought to be paid, and tendring the ſaid Indentures or other Writings to be ſtamped at the ſame Time, or at any Time on or before the 29th Day of September, 1752, the ſame Indentures or Writings ſhall be good and available in Law or Equity, and may be given in Evidence in any Court whatſoever; and the Clerk, Apprentice, or Servant, ſhall be capable of following and exerciſing their reſpective intended Trades or Employments, as fully as if the ſaid Rates and Duties ſo omitted, had been duly paid, and the full Sum or Sums received or agreed for had been inſerted; and the Perſons who have incurred Penalties, by the ſaid Omiſſions, are, by the ſaid Act, acquitted and diſcharged of and from the ſaid Penalties.*

IPSWICH RACES, 1752.

ONE Hundred Guineas given by his Majeſty, will be run for on Ipſwich New Race Ground in the County of Suffolk, on Tueſday the 2d of June next, by any Horſe, Mare or Gelding, not exceeding four Years old this Graſs, the beſt of three Heats, two Miles and a Quarter over the ſaid Courſe, as ſhall be ſet out by the Bailiffs of Ipſwich, to a Heat; to carry nine Stone Weight; to run according to his Majeſty's Articles, and to be ſhewn and entered, and Certificates of their Ages under the Hands of the Breeders to be produced before ſuch Perſons as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe, at the White Horſe Tavern in Ipſwich, between the Hours of Eleven and One the Day before Running: All Diſputes and Differences, either as to Entry or Running for the above Plate, are to be ſettled and determined by ſuch Perſons as ſhall be appointed, according to the Orders iſſued by his Majeſty's Maſter of the Horſe for that Purpoſe.

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